community for many years and this new expansion will have a great impact on our economy and our people."

The One North Carolina Fund assists the state in recruiting and expanding quality jobs by providing financial assistance to businesses or industries deemed by the governor to be vital to a healthy and growing state economy. Through the use of this Fund, 17,000 jobs and \$2 billion in investment have been created since 2001.

Other partners who helped make this announcement possible include the N.C. Department of Commerce, the Rutherford County Board of Commissioners, the Rutherford County Economic Development Commission, the N.C Employment Security Commission and Isothermal Community College.

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